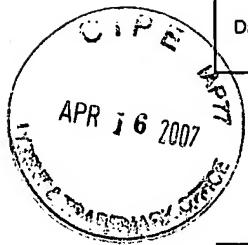


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### **RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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### **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 12, 2006, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.